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REPORT TO: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Director of Training

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SUBJECT : Field Trip to The Armored School, Fort Knox, Kentucky

1. Purpose of Trip

In compliance with the directive of the Director of Central Intelligence, the Chief, Orientation and Briefing/Basic School lectured to the Armor Officer Advanced Class combined with the Senior Officers and the Staff and Faculty of The Armored School at Fort Knox, Kentucky on Thursday, 26 January 1956.

2. Major Activity

During the first of two hours the Chief, Orientation and Briefing followed the format which has proved so successful on his previous visits to The Armored School, viz., spending the hour by soliciting ten questions from the audience on any aspect of the mission and responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency, and then tailoring the presentation in specific response to those questions. The second session was devoted to an ad-hoc question-and-answer period.

The Chief, Orientation and Briefing was introduced by Brigadier General R. W. Curtis, who remained throughout the entire program and took the platform to acknowledge publicly his appreciation to the Central Intelligence Agency for this contribution to The Armored School program.

The program was followed by a formal luncheon which was attended by Brigadier Generals Curtis and Wood, Colonels Newton, Dolvin, Frankel and Cook, and Lt. Colonel Patrick.

3. Findings

Even moreso than on previous occasions, this audience of Armored School officers was particularly alert about national and international problems. Much of this is attributable to the curriculum designed by Colonel H. C. Newton, Director of Instruction, The Armored School. The turnout of student officers and faculty far exceeded the anticipation of Brigadier General Curtis and Colonel Newton. Not a single seat was vacant in the entire auditorium which seats about 300.

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